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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

- 2. (Currently Amended) The electric copy board according to claim \pm 12, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data as a file attached to an E-mail.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The electric copy board according to claim ± 12, wherein the transfer section transfers the image data in accordance with Internet facsimile standards.

Claims 4-8 (Canceled).

- 9. (Currently Amended) The electric copy board according to claim \pm 12, wherein the encoder encodes the image data by JBIG (Joint Bi-level Image experts Group).
- 10. (Currently Amended) The electric copy board according to claim \pm 12, wherein the encoder encodes the image data by MMR (Modified Modified READ).

Claim 11 (Canceled).

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- 12. (New) An electric copy board comprising:
- a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written;
- a reader configured to read an image written on the writing board to generate image data corresponding to the image;
 - an encoder configured to encode the image data;
- a storage section configured to store the encoded image data; and
- a transfer section configured to transfer, via a computer network to a terminal, encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and that is stored in the storage section, in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.
 - 13. (New) An electric copy board comprising:
 - a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written;
- a reader configured to read an image written on the writing board to generate image data corresponding to the image;
 - an encoder configured to encode the image data;
- a designation section configured to accept a designation of a transfer destination;
- a first transfer section configured to transfer the encoded image data to the designated transfer destination via a computer network;

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a storage section configured to store the encoded image data transferred by the first transfer section; and

a second transfer section configured to transfer, via the computer network to a terminal, encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and that is stored in the storage section, in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.

- 14. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling an electric copy board that includes a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written, and a storage section, said method comprising:
- reading an image written on the writing board;
 generating image data corresponding to the image;
 encoding the image data;

transferring, via a computer network to a terminal, encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and is stored in the storage section, in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.

storing the encoded image data in the storage section; and

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- 15. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling an electric copy board that includes a writing board on which an arbitrary image may be written, and a storage section, said method comprising:
- reading an image written on the writing board;

 generating image data corresponding to the image;

 encoding the image data;

 accepting a designation of a transfer destination;

 transferring the encoded image data to the transfer

 destination;

storing the encoded image data that is transferred to the transfer destination in the storage section; and

transferring, via a computer network to a terminal, encoded image data that is designated by the terminal and that is stored in the storage section, in response to a request issued from the terminal when the terminal accesses the electric copy board via the computer network.